

Paws Newsletter

August 2015

Dog-A-Poolooza



Saturday, August 15 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost is \$5 per dog and \$1 per human. (Rabies tag or certificate required)

> Holford Community Pool 2420 N. Shiloh Road Garland, TX 75044

Low-cost vaccinations and microchipping also will be available from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cash only.



The City of Garland will participate in Clear the Shelters Day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15. All pet adoption fees will be waived during this time! Adoptions will be held at the Garland Animal Shelter, 600 Tower St., and Pet Adoption Center, 813 Main St.

Contact Us: Office: 972-205-3570 Fax: 972-205-3433 GarlandAnimalServices.org

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Animal Shelter & Adoption Center 600 Tower St. Garland, TX 75040 Mon. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 972-205-3570 Pet Adoption Center 813 Main St. Garland, TX 75040 Mon.-Tue. & Thu.-Fri. 1 -5 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Third Sunday of each month open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

BARKING DOGS

By Animal Services Officer Rey Zavala



Dog owners cannot allow their pet dogs to bark excessively, uncontrollably and/ or without some sort restraint, especially during night-time hours. Just about every city in some way, shape or form has some practice of a barking dog nuisance ordinance.

According to Article I Sec. 22.08 (6) Animal nuisance prohibited It shall be unlawful:

(6) For an owner to keep an animal which, by habitual noise making, violates any provision of chapter 22, article V, noise control.

Noise: Any sound which is unwanted or which causes, or tends to cause, an adverse psychological or physiological effect on human beings.

Enforcement for a barking dog complaint is performed by animal control officers who have the authority to fine dog owners and or impound dogs.

It's understandable that dogs bark because they are social animals and seek attention. It is also a way for them to protect their territory, express frustration and anxiety, welcome strangers or they may simply want to play.

Most cases are started by contacting the complainant and trying to narrow down the time frame of when the violation is taking progress. A faithful attempt is made to try and contact the dog owner and try to resolve the issue by several suggestions.

Excessive barking of a dog can be considered a nuisance or violation at any given time of the day or night. Frequent and continued barking over a long a period of time as to deprive a person or disturbs another person or neighboring persons of ordinary sensibilities or more residences in the neighborhood of the comfortable enjoyment of their homes is a violation and can and will warrant citations.



We will be closed Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

DONATIONS

Arsenio Araiza Juan Alejandre Sharon Campbell
Babette Cormier Judy Williams Tamara Blackburn

Carol Clayton Lexie & Dustin Lucas Tom Regnier

Pepe Buenrostro

Charlotte Parker Liz/Cris Hoes Treva/Greg Grimshaw
Clyde Rollins Mary Henderson

John Harwood Robin Ferguson

Diane/Joe Heit

EVENTS

Saturday, August 1 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Garland Pawsibilities Animal Adoption Event Oak Park School 2402 Firewheel Parkway, Garland, TX

August 6, 13, 19, 20

Low-Cost Vaccinations (Walk In Basis) 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Garland Pet Adoption Center 813 Main Street, Garland, TX 75040 For Additional Information and Sterilization Scheduling call 940-566-5551.

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Low -Cost Vaccinations from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Holford Community Pool

2420 N. Shiloh Road

Cash Only

Garland, TX 75044

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Empty the Shelter Garland Animal Services 600 Tower St. Garland, TX 75040

August Only

GET YOUR CHIHUAHUA FIXED FOR ONLY \$20!

Spay Neuter Network

Call 972-472-3500 and mention this ad when making appointment.

Our Community Resource Officer, Hugo Espinoza is available to speak to your group, classroom, special event or have animals for adoption at a community event. Presentation includes pet safety and other helpful topics and group discussions. Shelter tours are also available for groups. The tour includes a walk through the shelter and the services we offer Garland citizens. Please contact Community Resource Officer Espinoza at 972-205-3571 or by

July Statistics



106

ANIMALS WERE ADOPTED BY RESCUE GROUPS

37

PETS WERE ADOPTED BY GARLAND PAWSIBILITIES & PET ADOPTION CENTER

131

ANIMALS WERE ADOPTED BY
GARLAND ANIMAL SERVICES SHELTER

80

PETS WERE RECLAIMED BY THEIR OWNERS

4

PETS WERE SPONSORED

728

PETS WERE REGISTERED

714

STRAY ANIMAL CALLS RECEIVED

132

PETS WERE STERILIZED BY CITY VETERINARIAN

1849

VISITORS

KEEPING YOUR PETS SAFE FROM SUMMER HEAT

By Shelter Technician Randy McNair

Summer is here; vacation season and summer fun abound! Many families may choose to take their pets with them or leave them at home. Whatever you decide, steps must be taken to protect our beloved family friends from the heat.



Thermoregulation is the process by which a living organism maintains its core internal temperature. As humans, although we have several means to do this, we mainly do this through sweating. Our four-legged friends, however, maintain their core body temperatures through different processes. Dogs make use of evaporative cooling, through panting and respiration. Cats are much more tolerable of heat than dogs. They have minimal sweating ability through glands in their feet, but they too make use of evaporative cooling through respiration and reduced blood flow through the skin. Still, steps must and can be taken to help your pets keep cool this summer.

Water is your most important tool in combating heat and heat related illnesses. Make sure your pet has access to plenty of water. You can provide a large container that refills as your pet drinks. You could also attach a device to an outside water faucet that controls and replenishes the water supply as it is drunk. You might even freeze a large block of ice to place inside of a pet's water bowl. My personal favorite is a simple plastic kiddie pool. When filled, your pet can drink from it or lay in it as they see fit. Whichever method you choose, be sure that the water is shaded to keep it cool. Hot water will not help a pet keep cool. Shade is another great tool to help your pet keep cool. Make sure that your pet has plenty of access to shade to keep out of the sun's direct rays.

Many people like to take their dogs on walks. This is a great bonding experience and healthy exercise for you and your dog. Some prior planning will go a long way to keeping your dog safe from heat exhaustion. If you do walk, be sure to do it in the early morning or late evening hours. These times of days are cooler than the middle of the day. Pay attention to your dog as you walk. He or she will let you know if they are getting too hot. If they are in search of shade or constantly trying to lie down, it may be time to head home. Your dog's behavior is a great indicator of how they are feeling. Additionally, be mindful of pets that are brachiocephalic, or short snouted animals. Their restricted airways limit their ability to thermo regulate.

Finally, while you may be tempted to shave your pet to help them cool, you may actually be doing them a disservice. Nature has provided them with layers of hair to protect them from overheating and sunburn. Keeping to a normal grooming schedule and brushing more often to

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remove loose hair will go a long way to helping your pet combat the heat. If you think your pet may be suffering from heat exhaustion or heat stroke, please seek immediate veterinary medical attention.

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If you have any questions about this program, please contact Officer Hugo Espinoza at (972) 205-3571.

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